



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 97 – Relative clauses 6 (-ing and –ed clauses)





-ING CLAUSE

- * We use -ing clauses to say what somebody (or something) is (or was) doing at a particular time:
 - EX1: Who is the woman talking to Tom? (the woman is talking to Tom)
 - EX2: Police investigating the crime are looking for three men. (police are investigating the crime)
 - EX3: Who were those people waiting outside? (they were waiting)
 - EX4: I was woken up by a bell ringing. (a bell was ringing)
- * You can also use an -ing clause to say what happens all the time, not just at a particular time:
 - EX5: The road connecting the two villages is very narrow. (the road connects the two villages)
 - EX6: I have a large room overlooking the garden. (the room overlooks the garden)
 - EX7: Can you think of the name of a flower beginning with T? (the name begins with T)



-ED CLAUSE

- -ed clauses have a passive meaning:
 - EX8: The boy injured in the accident was taken to hospital. (he was injured in the accident)
 - EX9: George showed me some pictures painted by his father. (they were painted by his father)
 - EX10: The gun used in the robbery has been found. (the gun was used in the robbery)
- Injured/painted/used are past participles. Most past participles end in -ed, but many are irregular (stolen/made/built etc.):
 - EX11: The police never found the money stolen in the robbery.
 - EX12: Most of the goods made in this factory are exported.





THERE IS, THERE WAS + -ING OR -ED CLAUSE

- * You can use there is / there was (etc.) + -ing and -ed clauses:
 - EX13: There were some children swimming in the river.
 - EX14: Is there anybody waiting?
 - EX15: There was a big red car parked outside the house.
- * We use left in this way, with the meaning 'not used, still there':
 - EX16: We've eaten nearly all the chocolates. There are only a few left.





TÓM TẮT

- Mệnh đề –ing là mệnh đề bắt đầu bằng một động từ ở dạng –ing. Chúng ta dùng mệnh đề –ing để diễn tả những gì một người hay một vật đang thực hiện ở một thời điểm nhất định – Who is the woman talking to Tom? - hoặc những gì luôn xảy ra – The road connecting the two villages is very narrow.
- Mệnh đề -ed là mệnh đề bắt đầu bằng một quá khứ phân từ. Chúng ta dùng mệnh đề –ed để mô tả một việc gì đó xảy ra với danh từ mà nó bổ nghĩa, và thường có nghĩa bị động – The boy injured in the accident was taken to hospital.
- Chúng ta có thể dùng there is / there was ... + mệnh đề -ing hoặc mệnh đề -ed -There were some children swimming in the river.